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**Request  
for  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
Transmittal**

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Application Number	09/670,160
Filing Date	September 29, 2000
First Named Inventor	Stephen F. Gass
Art Unit	3724
Examiner Name	Boyer D. Ashley
Attorney Docket Number	SD1 316

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

- 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
  - i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other Extension of Time Request & Fee

**2. Miscellaneous**

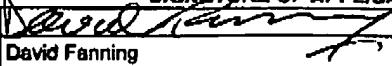
- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees**

- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.  
The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to my Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
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  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
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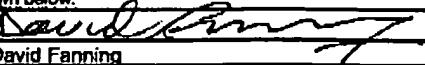
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Signature		Date	October 12, 2004
Name (Print/Type)	David Fanning	Registration No.	33,233

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2005

Effective 10/01/2004. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 450.00)

## Complete If Known

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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 790	2001 395	Utility filing fee			
1002 350	2002 175	Design filing fee			
1003 550	2003 275	Plant filing fee			
1004 790	2004 395	Release filing fee			
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee			
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)					

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
12	-20** = 0		X	-0	
4	- 5 = 0		X	-0	

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	
1202 18	2202 0	Claims in excess of 20			
1201 88	2201 44	Independent claims in excess of 3			
1203 300	2203 150	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid			
1204 00	2204 44	** Release independent claims over original patent			
1205 18	2205 9	** Release claims in excess of 20 and over original patent			
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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath			
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet			
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification			
1812 2,620	1812 2,620	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination			
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month			
1252 430	2262 215	Extension for reply within second month			
1253 980	2253 490	Extension for reply within third month			
1254 1,530	2254 765	Extension for reply within fourth month			
1255 2,060	2255 1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month			55.00
1401 340	2401 170	Notice of Appeal			
1402 340	2402 170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
1403 300	2403 150	Request for oral hearing			
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
1453 1,370	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional			
1501 1,370	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
1502 490	2502 245	Design issue fee			
1503 660	2503 330	Plant issue fee			
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)			
1808 180	1808 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
1809 790	2809 395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(e))			
1810 790	2810 395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))			
1801 790	2801 395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			395.00
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application			
Other fee (specify) _____		Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid		SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 450.00	

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